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Rich Hills
New Market
Private

1792

Rich Hills, a one and a half and two story stone residence is one of the most unusual residences in the New Market region exhibiting architectural details more similar to the English homes of Eastern Shore Maryland than the German style of Western Maryland.

The residence has two parts; the northern section, a one and a half story coursed random stone structure three bays wide and one room deep, dating to the mid-eighteenth century, predates the south section, a two and one half story coursed random stone structure, three bays wide. A one story frame porch with decorative scrolls extends across the front of the building. Very large stone quoins (some in excess of three feet) alternate every other foot in each corner of the building. A date stone with "1792" hand painted on it is located in the south gable.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Rich Hills

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East Side Boyers Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

New Market

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

ED 9 Map 72 P 2

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME William T. Blentlinger

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Mount Airy

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21771

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 433

Folio #: 545

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☐ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Rich Hills is a most unusual one and one-half and two story stone residence which faces west from the east side of Boyers Mill Road.

The oldest section of the structure definitely dating to the second half of the eighteenth century is a one and one-half story random stone structure three bays wide and one room deep. A one story small stone addition is located north of this center section.

This structure is the most unusual residence in the New Market area. The principle facade is three bays wide; the main entrance door which has been replaced and a small entrance addition made is located in the second bay. Two small replaced 2/2 windows are located in the remaining bays. The entire west side of this section has been covered with aluminum siding. A large plank door with strap hinges is located in the center of the north addition. The unusually steep gable roof has been replaced with standing seam tin. Two very small and narrow shed roofed gables extend from the roof over the first and third bays of the first level. A massive stone chimney is located, for the most part, on the east side of the north gable end of the center section.

The south section of the house is a two story random stone building. The main facade is four bays wide. A six panel door, (one with glass inserts) with four light transom is located in both the second and third bay on the first level. Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second level are replaced 2/2 windows with louvered shutters.

A one story frame porch with decorative scrolls and replaced cinder block foundation extends across the first level of this section of the building.

Very large stone quoins (some in excess of three feet in length) alternate every other foot in each corner of the building.

A date stone with "1792" hand painted on it is located in the south gable. The south addition is covered by a standing seam tin flank gabled roof attached to a replaced boxed cornice. An interior corbeled brick chimney is located on each gable end of the addition.

A frame bank barn is also located on the premises of Rich Hills, just south of the building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1792

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rich Hills is one of the most unusual residences in the New Market region exhibiting architectural details more similar to the English homes of Eastern Shore Maryland than the German style of Western Maryland.

The building has, up until recently, always been owned by families of English descent. The farm is located on two original land grants. Lapland was conveyed to Col. Ephraim Howard in 1770; resurvey on Rich Hills was granted to Samuel Plummer in 1743.

By 1812 Jesse Hughes was in possession of the 175 acres upon which the house was built and probably built the south section of the house which is dated 1792.¹

Upon his death in 1812 Hughes left the property to his sons and daughters to sell if they wished and each getting a "fair share". In 1816, the property was sold to Eli Elliott for \$9,947.² In 1832 Eli Elliott sold the land which now consisted of 127 acres and buildings for \$4,000 to Abner Plummer.³ The Plummer family owned "Rich Hill" until 1889 when Abner Plummer's son, William, sold the farm to Adam Blentlinger, the family which still runs the farm today.⁴

¹Frederick County Probate Records, Liber RB1; Folio 322.

²Frederick County Land Records, Liber JS 3; Folio 180.

³Ibid., Liber JS 39; Folio 472.

⁴Ibid., Liber WIP 9; Folio 75.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

6/30/78

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CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

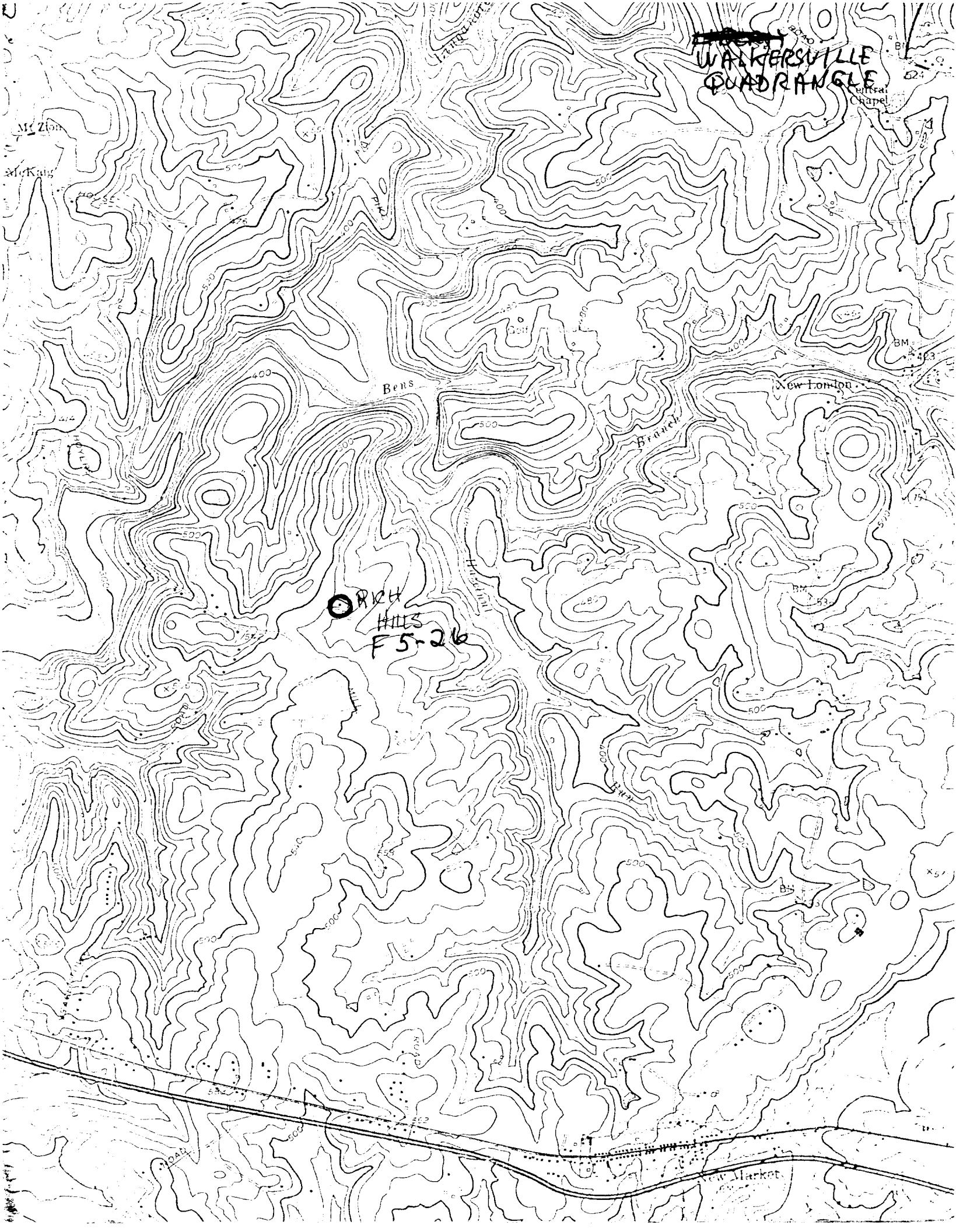
Maryland 21701

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New Market



RICH HILLS

E/S BOYERS MILL RD

WEST ELEVATION

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RICH HILLS

E/S BOYERS MILL RD

SOUTH WEST ELEVATION

CEW 9/77

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